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SUBJECT: NEW CAPITAL: CDA REQUESTS USGS HYDROLOGICAL SURVEY HELP

REF: (A) 77 STATE 295316: (B) 77 LAGOS 14540

1. TODAY RECEIVED FOLLOWING URGENT LETTER FROM ALHAJI ABUBAKAR KOKO, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, FEDERAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA), SUBJECT HYDROLOGICAL SURVEY: FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY: QUOTE DURING THE VISIT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE (CDA) TO YOUR OFFICES IN RESTON IT WAS NOTED THAT YOU WILL BE WILLING TO OFFER ASSISTANCE TO US SO THAT A DETAILED HYDROLOGICAL SURVEY COULD BE INITIATED BY NIGERIAN FIRMS FOR THE AUTHORITY. I WOULD THEREFORE BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD LET ME HAVE THE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE AND THE SCOPE OF THE WORK INVOLVED AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE SO THAT WE CAN PROCEED WITH THE WORK UNQUOTE.

2. THIS WAS ADDRESSED TO DIRECTOR, USGS, RESTON. BECAUSE EARLIER TELEGRAMS TO USGS SOMETIMES TOOK WEEKS TO ARRIVE, AND BECAUSE OF CDA DISAPPOINTMENT WITH USGS PERSONNEL CEILINGS  
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SURPRISE, REQUEST THIS BE HANDLED BY TELEPHONE AND ACKNOWLEDGED ASAP (BUT NOT NIACT) WITH SOME INDICATION OF WHEN REQUESTED MATERIALS CAN BE PROVIDED.

3. SUGGEST USDOC CONSULT USGS AND, IF INDICATED, ALERT QUALIFIED AMERICAN FIRMS TO SURVEY POSSIBILITY, PROBABLY ON JOINT BASIS WITH NIGERIAN FIRMS, IF CDA WILL PERMIT. IN 1976 DAMES AND

MOORE WERE DISCUSSING SOME SORT OF SURVEY WORK WITH FIRST CDA  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY EBONG, BUT NOTHING SEEMED TO COME OF IT.  
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